

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	Docket No. 32265-RCE
STOUT, Robert L.	Customer No.: 23589
Serial No. : 10/051,253	Group Art Unit No. 1648
Filed: January 18, 2002	Confirmation No.: 7968
METHODS OF DETERMINING CHRONIC HEPATITIS C INFECTION	Examiner: HORNIG, Michelle

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants, through their attorneys, hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time in which to file a response to office action of August 25, 2006. Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0522 in the amount of \$225.00 for the two-month fee.

In the event that the foregoing request or fee calculation is incorrect, this Petition should be construed as one for sufficient time to permit timely filing of the present reply. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this Petition should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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